

UNBOXED

WEEK 2

BIG IDEA

God uses my gifts to help others.

BIBLE

The Body of Christ: I Corinthians
12:12-31; (Romans 12:6-8)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

ACTIVITY | The Big Picture ▲

- Welcome back! Last week, we learned about some of the gifts God has given us. Today, we'll discover why God gave us these gifts. Our gifts are for helping others. Our gifts make us all part of one big team, like one body.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *You will need one, simple puzzle. Take the puzzle pieces out of the box and distribute them randomly to each person, but holding one piece back for yourself. Don't let them see you take a piece, or take the piece out before kids arrive. Team members can have more than one piece, so keep passing out pieces until you run out. Line the kids up at a start line some distance away from the assembly area. When you say, "Go," the first person will run over and lay down one puzzle piece. Do your best to guess where it goes! Then, that person goes to the back of line. The next person goes up and places one piece. You're allowed to move any of the pieces that were put there by someone before you. This is a team effort! In the end, when they discover one piece is missing, you can ask them how it feels to have a missing piece. Then you may place the piece inside the puzzle.*
- Great job, everyone! Each of you used what you had to help make the big picture!

- Does anyone like getting gifts that you put together, like Legos? They're fun to build, as long as you aren't missing any pieces! Every piece is important, right?

QUESTION | Who Has Ever Been Part of a Team? ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Call on kids who raise their hands and ask the following questions.*
- **What kind of team have you been on?**
- **What position or role were you in?**
- **Did everyone on the team do the exact same thing? What if you had a sports team where everyone played the same position? Or if everyone was captain? Would that team be any good?**
- Everyone on a team does their part. When the team wins, everyone on the team wins!

THE BIG IDEA | God uses my gifts to help others. ▲

- Remember last week's Big Idea? Anyone remember why God gives us gifts? That's right! God gives us gifts so we can help other people! That's this week's Big Idea: God uses my gifts to help others!

SO WHAT?

VIDEO | Unboxed, Episode 2 ▲



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*

SCRIPTURE | I Corinthians 12:12-31 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the passage with your kids. You can further discuss with them what it means with something like this:*
 - Back when the church just started, right after Jesus went to heaven, some people were fighting over who was better – or whose gifts were better. But God doesn't want us to compare gifts. God gave us all different gifts so that we could work together to help others.
 - To help us understand, the Bible tells us to look at our own body. We are each made out of many parts. Arms and legs, heart, brain, stomach. But all of these parts are still part of one body. That's how it is with Jesus. We are all different parts of one body, the "body of Christ."
 - Now, imagine that your whole body was just one big eyeball? How would you hear? How would you smell things? God put every part of our bodies exactly where they should be, and God puts all of us where we should be. And every part matters!
 - Just like all your body parts need each other, we all need each other, too. God made us all with gifts. **Why does God give us gifts?** That's right! So we can help other people!

OBJECT LESSON | Potato Heads ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Take the Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head out of the box. Put the arms, feet, and eyes where they are supposed to go, but begin rummaging through the box to find the ears. The only thing you find is an extra set of eyes.*
- Oh, no! I don't see any ears in here. All I got were a bunch of eyeballs! Let's see if the eyes work for the ears.
- But wait, if I put the eyes in the ear spot, then how will our friend hear?
- That was a silly example, but God created the body with different parts for a reason. You can't have a body made up of all eyes, or all hands, or all ears. You need different body parts that go together.
- The church is like a body. Sometimes, the church is called the body of Jesus! Jesus is the head, and each of us is a different part. It's meant for us to work together and help each other out.

ACTIVITY | The Eye and The Hand ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pair up the kids. One will be "the hand" and has to keep their eyes covered. The other will be "the eye" and cannot use their hands, keeping them behind their back. The goal is to open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 12 and have "the hand" point at verse 12. "The eye" can tell "the hand" to keep turning pages, but "the eye" cannot touch anything. "The hand" can listen for instructions from "the eye" and turn pages, but "the hand" cannot look to see where they are in the Bible. If "the eye" doesn't know where 1 Corinthians 12 is, that person can first check the table of contents for the page number.*
- You did it. . .together! You used your gift, or your special ability, to help the other person. **Could either of you have done this without the other person?**
- We all need each other, and God uses our gifts to help others!

SCRIPTURE | Romans 12:6-8 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the passage to the kids or ask a kid to volunteer to read it.*
- The Bible says that each of us have gifts from God, like we talked about last week, too! But it's not just for us to keep to ourselves.
- **When someone gives you a gift, what is the first thing you usually do?** You open it! You have to take the gift out of the box and use it. . .

otherwise the gift has no purpose!

- When we get gifts from God, we can't just put them away like gifts that we never take out of the box. We need to unbox our gifts and use them to help others. God uses our gifts to help others!

NOW WHAT?

RESPONSE | Re-Gift List ▲

- I know we just had the holiday season a few weeks ago, but it's time to make another gift list! This time, though, we're making a list of gifts you have to give others.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell the kids to write out the gifts they have that they can use to help others. Instruct them to draw pictures of how they will use their gifts.*
- What gifts, or special abilities, do you think God gave you? Do you help your friends with homework? Cheer them up when they're feeling sad? Do you tell others Jesus loves them? Do you give generously? Do you pray for people?

REFLECTION | Sketch a Scene ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a picture frame printable. Encourage the kids to think about a time when someone else helped them. Maybe it was their mom or dad, a brother or sister, a friend, or a teacher. Tell them to draw a picture to show how someone else helped them.*
- God uses our gifts to help others, and God also uses other people's gifts to help us.
- Remember how we are all parts of the same body? We all need each other. God designed us to work together and help each other out.

PRAYER ▲

- God, thank You again for the amazing gifts You have given us. We love getting gifts, but it is so fun to be able to give gifts to our friends, too! Help

us to use our gifts and for us to be able to see who needs our gifts. Thank You for all the people who have helped me with their gifts and thank You for the gift of Jesus!

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION ▲

- **How are we connected as one body?**
- **What are some of the gifts, or roles, God gives us in this week's story?**
- **What is the most important part of the body of Jesus? (Trick question!)**
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:25-26. In your own words, what does this Bible verse mean?**
- **Why do you think it's important for us to get together like we do at church?**
- **Can any part of the body work by itself without being connected to the rest of the body?**
- **How will you use your gifts to help others this week?**

ACTIVITY | Picasso Art ▲

- Pablo Picasso was given the gift of art! He was an excellent painter, but he was most well known for paintings that looked like [this](#). Unusual, right?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid this week's printable and encourage them to create their own Picasso art!*
- God made you, gave you all the body parts you have, and put them where they are all on purpose! And just like how each of your body parts are important to you, you are important to those around you. Because God uses your gifts to help others!

MEMORY VERSE | 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) ▲

- **Remind the kids that they have a memory verse they can memorize. It is found on the church website!**

